

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[CGD08-05-007]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Gulf Intracoastal

Waterway - Bayou Boeuf, Amelia, LA.

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

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SUMMARY: The Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the BNSF RR Swing Bridge across Bayou Boeuf, mile 10.2, at Amelia, St. Mary Parish, LA. This deviation allows the bridge to remain closed to navigation for eight hours on February 14, 2005, ten hours on February 15, 2005, and eight hours on February 16, 2005. The deviation is necessary to remove and replace the motor and transmission of the bridge.

DATES: This deviation is effective from 8 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2005 until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Materials referred to in this document are available for inspection or copying at the office of the Eighth Coast Guard District, Bridge Administration Branch, Hale Boggs Federal Building, room 1313, 500 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-3310 between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (504) 589-2965. The Bridge Administration Branch of the Eighth Coast Guard District maintains the public docket for this temporary deviation. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Frank, Bridge Administration Branch, telephone (504) 589-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BNSF RR has requested a temporary deviation in order to remove and replace the motor and transmission of the Bayou Boeuf Swing Bridge across Bayou Boeuf, mile 10.2, at Amelia, St. Mary Parish, LA. The repairs are necessary to ensure the proper operation of the bridge. This temporary deviation will allow the bridge to remain in the closed-to-navigation position from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2005, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2005, and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2005.

As the bridge has no vertical clearance in the closed-to-navigation position, vessels will not be able to transit

through the bridge site when the bridge is closed.

Navigation at the site of the bridge consists mainly of tows with barges and some recreational pleasure craft. Due to prior experience, as well as coordination with waterway users, it has been determined that this closure will not have a significant effect on these vessels. An alternate route is available by using the GIWW, Morgan City to Port Allen Alternate Route.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(c), this work will be performed with all due speed in order to return the bridge to normal operation as soon as possible. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

Dated: JAN 13 2005

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Bridge Administrator